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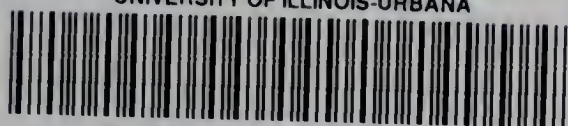
Vehicle Titles & License Plates

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Congratulations on choosing Illinois as your new home. Let me welcome you to one of the most hospitable and prosperous states in the nation, a state aptly called the "Land of Lincoln."

As someone who has dedicated his life to serving the public, I assure you that as Secretary of State, I am committed to providing friendly, efficient and timely service to the residents of this state.

This brochure provides information on obtaining an Illinois title and license plates for your vehicle. Please contact the Vehicle Services Department if you need further information about title and registration procedures, or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

I look forward to serving you.

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How to apply

New residents have 30 days to apply for an Illinois title and registration after establishing residence, provided the vehicle is properly registered in another jurisdiction. Complete an Application for Vehicle Transaction(s) (VSD-190) and provide supporting documents verifying the following information:

1. Name and address of owner;

2. Odometer reading as it appears on the vehicle odometer. Do not include tenths of a mile. Mark the appropriate boxes: actual mileage, not actual mileage or in excess of mechanical limits (the odometer has rolled over);

3. Description of the vehicle, including year, make, model, vehicle identification number, body type, date of purchase and whether new or used;

4. Names and addresses of any lienholders in order of priority.

In addition, the following documentation is needed for a new resident with a leased vehicle:

* Lease purchase agreement;
* Out-of-state registration, which identifies that the lessee/lessor had the vehicle registered in another state;
* Out-of-state title;
* Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin;
* Bill of sale identifying the vehicle and the lessor's name and address.

For more information
Toll free • 800-252-8980
Chicago • 312-793-1020

Supporting documents

The application must be accompanied by the out-of-state Certificate of Title or other proof of ownership acceptable by the Illinois Secretary of State. If the title is being held by an out-of-state lienholder due to an outstanding loan, a copy of either the title, Certificate of Origin, out-of-state registration or Bill of Sale and a copy of the loan agreement must be submitted in lieu of the title. Call 217-782-6306 for more details.

Additional documents

Some plate categories may require additional documentation such as:

- proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance);
- proof of vehicle inspection certification;
- proof of disability;
- proof of disabled veteran status;
- proof of military status;
- legible photocopy of FCC license.

Sales tax

Vehicles titled and registered in another jurisdiction three months prior to moving to Illinois are exempt from Illinois tax. Tax form RUT-50 (if purchased from an individual) or RUT-25 (if purchased from an out-of-state dealer) must be submitted showing exempt status.

Lessors, lessees, businesses relocating to Illinois and military persons whose home of record is Illinois are not entitled to this exemption, although depreciation is allowed. Tax form RUT-25 must be completed to allow depreciation.

If you recently purchased and have not titled or registered the vehicle you are bringing into this state, a properly completed tax form, RUT-25 or RUT-50, and any applicable tax (payable to Illinois Department of Revenue) must accompany your application to the Secretary of State's office. See tax forms for further explanation, and contact the Department of Revenue for more information at 800-732-8866 (Illinois residents) or 217-782-3336.

Vehicles required to be titled/registered

All vehicles operated on Illinois public roads must be titled and registered. If a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or motor-driven cycle is not properly manufactured or equipped for general highway use as required by law, it is not eligible for registration but will be issued a distinctive Certificate of Title.

Title only requests

For vehicles that will not be operated on public roads, an Application for Vehicle Transaction(s) (VSD-190) marked title only is required, along with the proper fee. Titles showing a lien are mailed to the lienholder while others must be mailed directly to the owner at the residence on the title.
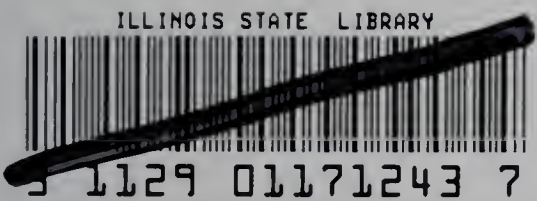
Fees

Title $65
Title for ATV and off-road motorcycles
    not used for production agriculture $30
If used for production agriculture $13

Annual license plate fees

Passenger vehicle $78
Environmental $118
B-truck (up to 8,000 lbs.) $78
Motorcycle $38
Small trailer (up to 3,000 lbs.) $18

Additional fees are required for vanity or personalized license plates.

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Where to apply

You may apply for a vehicle title and/or registration at most Secretary of State Driver Services facilities. For a list of Driver Services facilities, go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Springfield Service Centers
- Howlett Building, 501 S. Second St.
- 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy.

Chicago Service Centers
- 100 W. Randolph
- 9901 S. King Dr.
- 5401 N. Elston
- 5301 W. Lexington

Mailing Address
Office of the Secretary of State
Vehicle Services Department
014 Howlett Building
501 S. Second St.
Springfield, IL 62756-6666

Renewal information

Vehicle owners are responsible for maintaining valid registration. All vehicle registrations expire at the end of the month. The Secretary of State mails out registration renewal applications prior to the expiration date. If you do not receive a renewal application, contact the office.

Easy ways to renew
- by mail
- by phone through Touch-Tone Renewal
- at a customer service center or most Secretary of State Driver Services facilities
- at a participating financial institution (passenger vehicle, B-truck, small trailer and motorcycle only)
- online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Mandatory insurance

All motor vehicles registered and operated in Illinois must have liability insurance covering property damage and/or injuries you may cause others in an accident.

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